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A FEW THOUGHTS ON POLITICAL
 MATTERS.

STATUS OF THE GAZETTE.

The Gazette has hitherto been reserved
 on those great questions which form the
 basis of party platforms and which deter-
 mine the policy of the great political par-
 ties that divide our countrymen. Not that
 we are without party affiliations, or fixed
 political principles, but we have assumed
 in general terms, an independent role, that
 we may be free to canvass and discuss, un-
 trammelled, the measures of all parties.

Our independence means independence.
 We are slaves to no conventional maxims
 or bigoted rules. While our adherence to
 the general policy of our own party is con-
 sistently maintained, and well-known, we
 mean to be just in our judgment; fearless
 and impartial in our condemnation of
 wrong and the support of the right.

EFFECTS OF TWO FREQUENT ELECTIONS.

It is to be regretted that the recurrence
 of our quadrennial presidential election
 keeps the country in almost a continuous
 state of political excitement. This is due
 not merely to the direct question of candi-
 date for that high office at the next suc-
 ceeding election—which is ever a current
 question, sometimes mooted many years
 before the election takes place—but side
 issues, bearing unmistakably upon the
 following presidential election, arise also
 in almost every annual canvass for legisla-
 tive and congressional representatives.
 This incessant political turmoil through-
 out the land, unsettles policies, deranges
 business, discourages the industries and
 keeps society in a state of trepidation and
 uncertainty. Even our youth imbibe the
 vitiating spirit, evincing, among their
 school-fellows, or at the apprentices noon-
 ing, their partisan bias and clamorously
 vociferating with "three cheers and a ti-
 gah" for the party whose banner and mo-
 to to best please their fancy, and for this, or
 the other candidate whose sobriquet is
 most fantastic or sonorous.

THE DEMORALIZING TENDENCY.

Of the general political elections annual-
 ly and quadrennially recurring in this
 country, is not to be denied. Fraud, em-
 barrassment, corruption, bribery, malfea-
 sance, defalcation, always great, are not
 on the increase. Virtue weakened
 seeks a market, integrity scared and hum-
 bled, has its price, professed piety, disguis-
 ed and deficient has developed many a
 Judas.

But it will be asked, Do you mean to
 charge these evils upon the elective fran-
 chise? By no means. Yet we hesitate not
 to aver, and we think no sane and thought-
 ful observer will question the correctness
 of our position when we say it, that the
 frequent recurrence of great elections, with
 the enormous patronage flowing from
 them, and the great inducements held out
 for intrigue, wire-pulling, threats, prom-
 ises, and other artful devices, to carry the
 election in a certain way for sinister and
 ambitious ends, contributes more to dis-
 integrate society, to weaken respect for
 probity and virtue, to unduly develop the ac-
 quisitive propensity, excite the spirit of
 pride, and stimulate the baser traits of hu-
 man character, than any other wide-spread
 cause in all our land.

Let us not be deceived and suppose that
 this demoralization is confined to the char-
 acter and acts of men in public life. Where
 is the family that does not manifest but too
 clearly its all pervasive influence? How
 few are the high souled barriers that keep
 clear of chicanery, or even of known and
 willful falsity in defence of their clients,
 or in the prosecution of some questionable
 claim? How seldom do we now-a-days
 meet with business men of such sterling
 characters and upright principles as would
 scorn to over-reach in making bargains, to
 profit by a customer's ignorance, to misre-
 present qualities and values, or to drive a
 good bargain for themselves, regardless of
 their respondent's necessities or interests?
 Doubtless it will strike many with surprise
 that we should attribute these things to the
 frequency of elections. But we apprehend
 that a thoughtful consideration of the char-
 acter and excitement, lying and intrigues,
 vituperation and slander, hopes and fears,
 unexpected successes or grievous disap-
 pointments, animosities and heart-burn-
 ings, servility and sycophancy, envy and
 rage, etc. that are developed during, and as
 a consequence of, a heated election canvass,
 will open our eyes to the revolting charac-
 ter of that fountain from which such foul
 streams, and so many, do most pervasively
 flow.

We are not finding fault with the elective
 franchise. It is the very palladium of our
 liberties and the absolute foundation of our
 democratic republican government. But
 we do deprecate the unnecessary and ille-
 gitimate fruits which that tree of liberty,
 nurtured by so many and so various hands,
 is apt to produce.

If less frequent elections would mitigate
 the evils, we should certainly advocate a
 longer interval between them. If length-
 ening the period of incumbency would di-
 minish the evils, we should then be in fa-
 vor of making the tenure of office longer,
 with certain conditional qualifications.—
 There may be other plans to avert the enor-
 mous evils growing out of our elective
 system, or to so guard it as to greatly di-
 minish them. Such would doubtless have
 an excellent support.

We propose to consider some of these
 plans in a future article, for which, as well
 as for this one, we bespeak the interested
 attention of our appreciating readers.

SOUTHERN ATROCITIES.—The Govern-
 ment is thoroughly aroused to the neces-
 sity of making its power felt again among
 the "fire-eaters" of the South. President
 Grant has determined, as we understand
 him, to put an end to the atrocious mis-
 deeds, of which, we hear something new
 and appalling, by every mail; and he has
 ordered the military to be immediately
 stationed at convenient points, for intimi-
 dation and to be called upon in any ex-
 gency, to aid the civil authorities. This
 is well as far as it goes, but we confess we
 should like better to see something like a
 Sherman march, through from Charleston to
 Texas, punishing with the utmost rigor
 those miscreants who have set all laws at
 defiance, and abolishing the bogus or pow-
 erless State governments, and setting up
 authorities there that can be relied on to
 enforce order and safety, liberty and jus-
 tice. "Indemnity," i. e., punishment of the
 perpetrators "for the past," and "security,"
 i. e., abrogation of the incompetent govern-
 ments and establishment of adequate au-
 thority "for the future," should be the in-
 dispensable and exacting conditions of self
 government for those States.

EDUCATION.—Have any of our readers
 a daughter or niece whom they wish to
 educate under most favorable circumstan-
 ces? We can warmly recommend the MOR-
 RIS FEMALE INSTITUTE at Morristown,
 as a first class and safe home school,
 under the experienced and judicious man-
 agement of Mr. and Mrs. Hazeltine. It is
 a good and wise plan to give daughters of
 a certain (or commonly an uncertain) age,
 say between sixteen and twenty, one or
 more years away from maternal homes to
 finish their academic education, if choice
 be made of a good school like the one we
 have named. This institution has one of
 the most attractive and salubrious loca-
 tions that could be selected and we know
 of none that has a higher reputation
 for intrinsic excellence.

The day pupils are few and select, and
 the boarding scholars are not allowed to
 exceed thirty in number. The school year
 opens on the 17th. inst. We understand
 that a few vacancies exist. The terms
 are reasonable and the opportunity may
 be considered a rare one.

We are happy also to say a good strong
 word for Rev. Mr. Rodman's school for
 young ladies at Montclair. On the testi-
 mony of Montclair citizens in whom we
 have confidence, we should feel at liberty
 to commend its management and course
 of instruction to those living near enough
 to avail themselves of it.

We cheerfully give place to a creditable
 testimonial to the Proprietor of this
 School which has been handed to us for
 publication, unknown to Mr. Rodman.

POLITICAL.—The great majority of the
 delegates to the Democratic National Con-
 vention from Essex County, are favor-
 able to the nomination of Judge Bedle.—
 The delegates from Bloomfield are C. T.
 Unangst, Wm. Sleightback, and James M.
 Chalmers.

INFORMATION GRATIS.—One of the best
 places in Newark to get gentlemen's un-
 derwear and other furnishings, is at W.
 A. MAUNDER'S, 493 Broad street, corner
 of Washington street, only two blocks from
 Morris and Essex Depot. Why? Because
 you will find a large stock, a great variety,
 an honest opinion of the articles, and you
 will be courteously served.

THE PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK, in New
 ark, is safely boarding up money for its
 numerous depositors, adding thereto regu-
 larly seven per cent interest. However
 uncertain life insurance in very many com-
 panies may be, if you put money in the
 People's Savings Bank, when you want
 it, it will be there for you, with the interest
 added. This bank is so convenient to resi-
 dents on the line of the Morris and Essex
 and Bloomfield Railroad that we render a
 service to them and a simple justice to this
 well established institution by commending
 its reliability. Its location is on
 Broad street, directly opposite the Morris
 and Essex Depot.

HACKETTSTOWN SEMINARY DE-
 DICATION.

This Literary Institute, so long con-
 templated, and which has been in course of
 construction for several years past, being
 completed and ready for occupancy,
 was dedicated to important uses on the
 9th. The edifice has been heretofore de-
 scribed in our columns. It is to be the
 chief educational institute of the Methodists
 in New Jersey for higher academic
 education. The site of the building is
 very eligible and commanding.
 A finer day for the dedication could not
 have been chosen. A large attendance
 from every direction indicated the wide
 spread interest felt in this new institution
 and in education in general.

The exercises commenced with singing
 the hymn beginning—

Before Jehovah's awful throne.

After which Rev. Dr. Hanlin of New Jersey
 conference offered the opening prayer of
 supplication and thanks.

An Anthem.
 Ex-Mayor Ferry of Orange and President
 of the Board of Trustees, made the open-
 ing address, narrating the tribulations of
 the friends and patrons of this institution
 in its construction during a number of
 years.

He modestly referred to his own interest
 and efforts and cheerful sacrifices in the
 establishment of this institution.

Governor Parker was then introduced,
 and made an interesting address properly
 setting forth the merits and claims of New
 Jersey in comparison with other States
 around us. He commended this edifice as
 the best of the kind that he has ever visit-

ed. He alluded to the agricultural inter-
 ests and mineral resources of the State.
 Then he passed appropriately to the educa-
 tional interests of the State, alluding to
 the status of the public school system, and
 schools themselves, in this State. The
 system is accredited as the best system in
 the Union. The Governor spoke of cer-
 tain statistics which we have hitherto pub-
 lished largely in the GAZETTE. He passed
 a high encomium upon the State Normal
 School, etc.

He then spoke of the higher institution
 of learning in this State, of Princeton Col-
 lege, etc., and commended the more recent
 zeal and successes of the Methodists here,
 in this direction, and alluded to the
 mature education of the founders of Meth-
 odism as imposing special obligations upon
 this denomination to seek high literary
 and educational culture. He closed with
 compliments and congratulations upon
 this institution, its location and its capabil-
 ities, invoking blessings upon it.

Music by the Band.

David Campbell of Newark then ad-
 dressed the audience on the future influ-
 ence of education upon the character o
 our free institutions and of the importan
 role such institutions as this are to act in
 such direction.

Rev. Dr. Sims of Newark was then in-
 troduced, to take the place of Bishop
 James, who, on account of sickness, coul-
 not be present. He made an eloquent ad-
 dress, alluding to the origin of Methodism,
 enumerating the eminent ancestry associ-
 ated with its founders. Referring to this
 institution and the cause of education, he
 was most eloquent in his scathing rebuk
 of Huxley and Tyndall, and in showing
 how nature and science and Bible and reli-
 gion maintain a perfect harmony, estab-
 lishing at all times and under all circum-
 stances the existence and presence and po-
 tency of the Infinite God of the Bible, the
 Creator, eternal, self-existent, etc. The
 God of Science and Religion are one.

But it is impossible for us to follow in
 detail this splendid, eloquent, logical ad-
 dress. It ought to be written out and
 printed, and circulated liberally all through
 the State. It could not fail to do much
 for Christianity, for education, for science,
 and for civilization.

At the close of this address, the Chair-
 man announced that dinner would be
 served in the Hall, proceeds to be for the
 benefit of the institution.

Another meeting was to be held in the
 afternoon and a collection was to be taken
 for liquidation of the small remaining in-
 debtedness.

The occasion was of very great interest
 and pleasure to Jerseymen, to patriots,
 to Christians, and to us. The trip on the
 Morris and Essex Railroad was delightful.
 The fifty miles ride from Newark through
 a beautiful country and many thriving vil-
 lages was a constant exhilaration and re-
 freshment. Dry as the weather has been
 and parched as the earth is, we had no doubt
 on that line the whole trip, which may be
 chiefly placed to the credit of the solidity
 of that railroad and its good management.

PAY.—Those who read our paper and
 have not yet paid us their subscription will
 please allow us to say—no, to think, how
 would encourage and help us to receive at
 once the numerous little sums still due.
 New sub. cribers, gladly received.

HOME MATTERS.

BLOOMFIELD.

WEATHER CHRONICLE.
 Range of Thermometer at Bloomfield Centre
 Sep. 8 4 5 6 7 8 9
 At 6 A.M. 61° 57° 60° 66° 64° 34° 60°
 At Noon 88° 63° 73° 78° 79° 81° 76°
 At 9 P.M. 76° 59° 67° 68° 66° 64° 62°

LIST OF LETTERS

REMAINING UNCLAIMED at the Post Office in
 Bloomfield, N. J., Sep. 9, 1874.
 Arnold Andrew R. Melvin, Michael
 Bosch Albert. Murphy John.
 Irene Wm. O. Mully, T.
 Blase, Conrad. Mikera, Mary L.
 Conrad, William R. McDuff, John.
 Crutcher, Mrs. J. L. Osborn, J. H.
 Dorrons, William H. Peckham, F. E. I.
 Dittman, William. Reiss, Conrad
 Farrel, P. J. Shomer, John L.
 Healy, L. J. Sh. Rev. James
 Kenyon, J. H. Ward, C. C.
 Logan, Mary. Welms, Franz.
 Lo-H, Ann E. Wakeley, E.
 Any person calling for the above letters will
 please say "Advertised." H. DODD, P. M.

TOWN COUNCIL—BLOOMFIELD.

Met according to adjournment on 4th
 inst. All the members present.
 Application was presented by the own-
 ers of property on Orange street, for a
 plank side walk, on the West side, from
 Bloomfield Avenue to Watessing Depot.
 Referred to a sub committee, John Sher-
 man, Chairman.

A memorial, numerously signed, from
 citizens in the "Lamp District," North of
 Midland Railroad and East of the Canal,
 praying to be relieved from the tax for
 street lamps, was referred to the Council
 of the Board for his opinion as to the pow-
 ers of the Committee to grant said petition.
 He is expected to report at next meeting.
 The unfinished business of the new gas
 contract being called up, Councilman
 Richards moved that the Town Commit-
 tee enter into contract with the Gas Com-
 pany on the terms of their late proposal.
 This was promptly concurred in by the
 favoring votes of Messrs. Potter, Reford,
 Richards and Sherman—4, and opposed
 by the negative votes of Oakes and Van
 Houten—2, Mr. Bench not voting.

A cross-walk ordered to be laid on Belle-
 ville Avenue from East corner of Elm
 street.

Bloomfield has had another burglary.
 As in former cases of plundering in this vi-
 cinity, the thieves went for provisions.
 They broke into Wesley B. Corby's barn,
 corner of Washington and Thomas streets,
 and stole potatoes, feed and oats.

NO "BACKWARD PROGRESS."

It will be seen that our Town Council in
 their final action upon the Gas-light ques-
 tion have shown that discretion which is
 the better part of valor. Only two votes
 were recorded against the contract and
 they were those of Oakes and Van Houten.
 We congratulate our fellow citizens (not
 that a victory has been achieved, but) that
 our town has escaped a stigma and a misfor-
 tune that it would not have recovered from
 in a long time. We are justified in
 claiming that we saw this danger and
 labored to avert it. We are happy to say
 it is averted. "If we were at liberty to
 quote from a letter by a gentleman of rare
 intelligence, long experience and shrewd
 observation, written upon this very question
 of continuing gas light in Bloomfield, we
 are sure, his strong expressions of chagrin
 and indignation that men capable of such
 conduct should have been placed in our
 town committee, would bring a blush to
 the cheeks of those Councilmen who re-
 mediated our disgrace. The loyal council-
 men should not be forgotten.

May we not hope that they will at once
 proceed under the new street improvement
 law, to do something, at least so much, as
 can be done at little or no expense and de-
 termine upon certain streets which it is
 generally agreed should be laid out or ex-
 tended and declare them, that improve-
 ments may conform to the same.

OUR CHURCHES—BLOOMFIELD.

Last Sunday was a beautiful autumn
 Sabbath.

BAPTIST.—Rev. Dr. Stubbart was in his
 pulpit again after a somewhat protracted
 vacation, appearing hale and fresh, with
 his usual cheerful expression of countenance
 and happy flow of spirits. An apprecia-
 tive audience waited upon the interesting
 services and listened to an able discourse
 from the text, "Him that loved us,"
 Rev. Dr. Coe, supplied Dr. Stubbart's
 pulpit in the evening.

METHODIST.—Rev. H. Spellmeyer has
 spent his short vacation on Staten Island
 and at Ocean Grove and elsewhere in Cen-
 tral New Jersey. His loving flock and
 many admirers were delighted to see him
 back in his pulpit. His discourse was
 delivered with his usual unction, founded
 on the text—What think ye of Christ?

WESTMINSTER.—The pastor is still
 absent. Rev. Dr. Newlin of Orange Val-
 ley, officiated and preached with his ac-
 customed acceptability and power. Rev.
 Dr. Coe is to occupy the pulpit in this
 church, next Sabbath.

EPISCOPAL, CHRIST'S CHURCH.—Rev. T.
 J. Danner, Rector. No report.

PRESBYTERIAN.—Rev. H. W. Ballantine
 pastor. Last Sabbath was the "Commu-
 nion Sunday" at this church. At the pre-
 paratory service, on Friday previous, it
 was a very interesting spectacle to see
 eight sweet little ones brought forward
 to be baptized, the first time that the new
 pastor had performed this impressive rite
 here.

The Sunday morning service was ap-
 propriate to the day. The Scripture lessons
 were read from Isaiah 53d, and Matt. 27th,
 and were, as well as the hymns, pertinent
 to the communion season. The subject
 of Mr. Ballantine's discourse was the "burial"
 of our Lord, especially with regard to the
 two chief actors in the scene. Text John
 19th, 38 to 42d. He described at length
 the character and conduct of Joseph of
 Arimathea and of Nicodemus both "Rul-
 ers" and members of the Sanhedrin that
 condemned our Lord. They had both be-
 come converts probably to the claims of
 Jesus—Nicodemus 2½ years before when
 he had that interesting private night in-
 terview with Jesus respecting the new
 birth,—but both were "secret" disciples,
 perhaps from love of office or from per-
 sonal fear of violence. They did not take
 a stand in defence of their Lord or in sup-
 port of his doctrines but seemed of that
 easy going sort, like too many we find
 in the church and out of it, at this day,
 who acquiesce in the sentiment most popu-
 lar with the crowd by which they are en-
 circled, whose adhesion is not of faith, but
 of policy.

The Crucifixion of our Lord had a differ-
 ent effect upon them from that witnessed
 in many of the disciples who had been open
 in their professions of attachment and
 devotion of service, while their Lord seemed
 master of the situation, but fled and de-
 nied him as soon as they found him in the
 power of his enemies. Joseph and Nicodemus
 on the contrary now came to the front
 and fearlessly and kindly cared for the
 body of Jesus, embalming and burying it
 in Joseph's own new tomb in his garden.
 There is reason to believe that a number
 of that body—the Sanhedrin—secretly be-
 came disciples of Jesus unknown to each
 other, and dared not evince their faith and
 attachment "for fear of the Jews." Who
 knows what the effect might have been
 if Nicodemus had declared his conviction
 and belief in that grand Council. How
 it would have electrified Joseph, and they
 two have brought out many others. Their
 conduct has probably innumerable counter-
 parts among public men every where. How
 few are decided and courageous in their
 profession of faith. Our young men may
 well learn a valuable lesson from this nar-
 rative.

We only give a sketch of the nature
 and drift of this practical and feeling dis-
 course.

There were five adults admitted to the
 church, one by profession of faith and four
 on letters from other churches.

This church will be closed for four
 weeks for repairs and alterations, dur-
 ing which services will be held in the
 Lecture Room. The pastor will be absent
 for a short vacation but his pulpit will be
 supplied.

Rev. Dr. Butterfield, will occupy the
 pulpit of this church, next Sunday.

SPECIAL.—Miss Louisa W. Wood begins
 her classes again on Monday, the 21st inst.
 We understand there are a few vacancies
 which we don't doubt will soon be filled,
 as we are sure it should be esteemed a priv-
 ilege to have a place in her limited and
 very select class. Application should be
 made promptly.

MONTCLAIR.

TOWN COUNCIL—MONTCLAIR.

Regular meeting, Sept. 9.
 All members present. Bills of Overseer
 of Poor for support of all Poor, both inside
 and outside of Poor House, for the last
 month were presented audited and order-
 ed paid.

Bills of Jas. Carson for work done on
 roads, ordered paid. Communication re-
 ceived from parties on Turnpike, complain-
 ing of sewer from Hotel as nuisance, ordered
 the same to be abated.

Clerk directed to call the attention of
 Freeholders to unsafe condition of a cer-
 tain county bridge on Mountain Avenue,
 Means provided for payment of contractor
 on Fullerton Avenue, extension.

The Kindergarten in Montclair will re-
 open Monday, Sept. 14th, in Pillsbury
 Hall, Fullerton Avenue. There will be an
 advanced class in reading and writing.

Rev. DR. CATTELL, President of Lafay-
 ette College, E. Ston, Pa., will occupy the
 pulpit of the Presbyterian Church, Mont-
 clair, morning and evening, on Sunday
 next, September 14th. The Doctor is one
 of the live men of the age, both in the pul-
 pit and out of it. During the past few
 years he has accomplished wonders for the
 advancement of the educational interests
 of his State, and the upbuilding of the in-
 stitution over which he presides.

The Martha Washington Tea Party, on
 Wednesday evening, was the success of the
 season. Jacobus Hall was crammed with
 people enjoying the entertainment. The
 Hall was profusely decorated with flags,
 greens and mottoes, and thirteen tables
 provided over by the fair sex representing
 the original 13 States.

Mr. and Mrs. Washington, dressed in
 costume, received the guests and played
 the part of host and hostess to perfection.
 The bill of fare was superb, everything in
 the line of eatables and at moderate prices.
 During the evening a concert was at-
 tempted, but owing to the noise it had to
 be abandoned. Much credit is due to the
 manager for the success of the entertain-
 ment.

Richard Garvey dropped dead in his
 saloon on Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair,
 on Friday last. Deceased had been sitting
 on his back stoop and complaining of being
 cold arose to go into the house, when, as
 he got inside the door, dropped upon the
 floor and expired in a few minutes. De-
 ceased was proprietor of the liquor saloon
 on Bloomfield Avenue below the Methodist
 Church. He is the last of thirteen sons,
 all of whom have died suddenly.

Rev. Titus Joslyn has been succeeded as
 pastor of the Roman Catholic church, in
 Montclair, by Rev. Mr. Streets of Newark.
 Miss Marvin of Orange, is one of the
 new teachers in the Montclair Public
 School.

MONTCLAIR, Sept. 7th, 1873.

DEAR SIR: As parents of some of
 your pupils, we wish to publicly express
 our sense of the benefit they have received
 from your instruction, and warmly recom-
 mend your school to the community. We
 highly appreciate the thoroughness of your
 teaching, and the thoughtful and intelli-
 gent habits which it develops. Your suc-
 cess in arousing the minds of your scholars
 to independent action and a love of knowl-
 edge, for its own sake, without the mo-
 tive of external rewards or rivalry, has
 given us great satisfaction.

We have the fullest confidence in your
 method of instruction, and wish that by
 greater publicity in the future, more of our
 people here and elsewhere, might avail
 themselves of the privilege of placing
 their children under your care.

Cordially yours,

H. A. DIKE, ROBT. M. BOYD,
 E. S. PINNEY, CHAS. K. WILMER,
 T. H. BOURDEN, EDWARD SWART,
 C. H. JOHNSON, A. M. CLERHUE,
 A. O. VAN LEREN, FRANK S. HALL,
 SAM. HOLMES, J. B. BRADLE,
 J. CALVIN SLEAVER, W. H. VAN SLYCK.

BELLEVILLE SQUIDS.

Belleville is advancing backward very
 fast. All projects for improvements which
 were in a forward state during the exist-
 ence of the commission are now complet-
 ly paralyzed.

The paving of Washington Avenue by
 County Road board will be a grand addi-
 tion to the attractions of the town. What
 a pity this board or some other equally ef-
 fective one had not charge of all the neg-
 lected streets in the deserted village. It
 has not been decided yet what they will
 pave the 25 foot side walk with.

The majority of the residents of Mont-
 gomery are very anxious to be annexed to
 Bloomfield, cannot Bloomfield give them
 some assistance in this matter. The opin-
 ion is prevalent in this locality that Bel-
 leville is played out. With all her natural
 advantages the town is a long ways behind
 her good neighbors.